

Baxter Springs News

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BAXTER SPRINGS - KANSAS

The joy ride frequently turns out to be a "fine" thing.

Humor as a seventh sense is good sense not to be disregarded.

When ordering hobble skirts specify whether they are to force a trot or a pace.

Two New York young men threw dice for a girl. We pity both men and the girl.

Any hope is vain that the new hobble skirt is warranted to check extravagance.

A New York woman committed suicide at 91, proving once more that this is an impatient age.

Sent to prison for an undignified attempt at suicide! Did any one ever find a real dignified means?

The old war between blondes and brunettes is to be renewed. You cannot dodge the issue this time.

An Ohio farmer has found that snakes destroy potato bugs. We would prefer not to raise potatoes.

Another great aviation meet is to be held in France soon. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Each new Gotham breach of promise suit seems to produce mushier love letters than any marked Exhibit A before.

French telephone girls say "I listen." The American kind couldn't do that without telling whoopers, now and then.

A horse named Big Stick has recently been winning races. With that name the horse simply had to win.

"The meaning of money" is a new book. Most people disclaim the need of book knowledge on that subject.

Sailors on a German ship mutinied recently because the food was poor. This should serve as a warning to the managers of some of the summer resort hotels.

A Pueblo (Col.) educator says every child is born a liar. But let him cheer up. Some of them outgrow it.

"Flirting," says an eminent educator, "is woman's safety valve." Does a safety valve have a siren attachment?

German gun factories are swamped with orders, in spite of the fact that aeroplanes are about to make war impossible.

With no kissing in moving pictures, parks, street cars and public railway stations, where is a poor fellow going to?

We may need a two and one-half cent piece, but we certainly allowed the three-cent piece to perish in incandescent desuetude.

"Smile, when you get up in the morning," advises an optimist. But you'd better straighten out your face, while you're shaving.

A Pennsylvania woman, aged 83, took her first ride on a train the other day. She may be expected to tackle bicycle riding next.

A substitute for radium is being offered, so be sure, when you order to get the original, with the maker's name blown upon the bottle.

Thanks to the general use of the typewriter, the newspaper editor very seldom now sticks his mulligan brush into the ink bottle, as he used to do.

One of the college professors thinks girls giggle because they are myopic. We have always supposed they did it merely because they felt foolish.

Two New York men shook dice to decide which should have the girl they loved. It doesn't sound half as romantic as the old-fashioned duel with swords or pistols.

One of the aviators has been notified by his wife that he must quit flying high or she will get a divorce. When last heard from he was busy oiling the propeller shaft.

The boll weevil scare is rife again in the southwestern cotton states; but intelligent authorities in that section persist in classifying that insect in popular entomology as a humbug.

A Philadelphia man has a scheme for making venison as cheap as mutton. That's all right as far as it goes; but it might help if he could also find some way to make venison as good as mutton.

Although Aviator Ehrmann escaped with his life when his machine was struck by lightning near Barcelona, Spain, most men would prefer if they could be struck by lightning to have it done while they were on terra firma. It gives a more reliable place to drop out.

BOYS AND GIRLS

CHILDREN CAN MAKE A TENT

By Following Directions Herewith Given Little Folks Can Construct Shady Place.

A tent can be made by children very easily and quickly without outside help. Get three old sheets or shawls, a rope and some safety pins and follow the illustration shown herewith and the directions as follows: Tie the rope between two trees, so that you walk under it without touching your head. Throw a sheet or shawl over it. Tie four strings as long as yourself to each corner of the sheet, one on each corner, as the illustration shows, says



A Simple Tent.

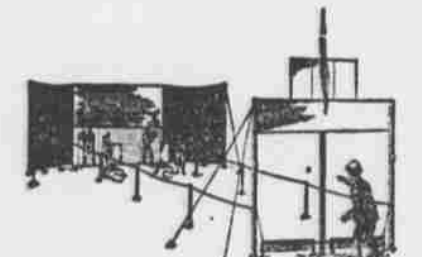
Popular Home Journal. One the other end of each string tie a pointed stick of pretty good size, and strong. Drive these sticks into the ground as far from the rope as you can. The sheet will now make a good roof. Two more sheets are now used for the sides of the tent. Each sheet makes an end and one side.

Use safety pins to pin up these sides. The hole at each end of the tent under the roof is necessary to keep it cool and comfortable. Most tents are very stuffy and hot, but this tent will be found very satisfactory and answer the purpose as well as the average tent which one is apt to purchase. It is advisable to use a pretty strong rope to tie between the trees; it should not have any more slack than is shown in the illustration. The cords used at the four corners should be strong, also, to prevent a sudden gust of wind from wrecking the tent.

TO TRAIN BASEBALL PITCHER

Equipment Arranged So That When Ball Strikes Umpire It Will Ring Electric Bell.

The illustration shows a patented device of Harry E. Hise, Mark Center, O., which is to be used as a training equipment for pitchers in the game of baseball, says Popular Electricity. The screen at the back represents the grand stand and catcher. At the proper distance in front of it



Training Baseball Pitchers.

is placed a figure representing the player at bat. The home plate is provided and just behind it a padded frame which is called the "umpire." Balls thrown by the pitcher if passing over the home plate as they should will ring a bell, the circuit of which is closed when the ball strikes the umpire.

CHILDREN WITH SAME NAME

Three Small Youngsters Perplexed at Old Gentleman's Remark Until He Explains.

There were once three children whose names were Elizabeth, Dorothy and Theodore. They were sisters and brother. One day an old gentleman—a friend of their mother's—came to see them and when he had asked their names he said:

"Well, well; so you all have the same name."

"Oh, no," explained Elizabeth, who thought the old gentleman must be a little deaf, "I am Elizabeth, my sister is Dorothy and my brother is Theodore."

"And those names mean just the same thing!" explained the old gentleman. "Theodore in Greek means 'gift of God,' Dorothy is the same name with the last syllable first and the first syllable last. And Elizabeth means 'gift of God' in Hebrew. But you all seem to be unusually nice children. I think you quite deserve your names."

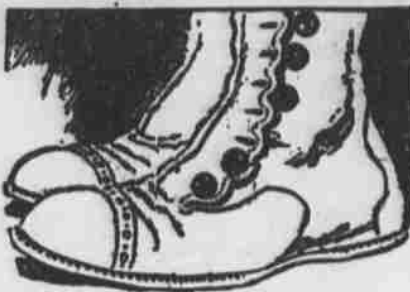
STRANGE!

"I think," said Elizabeth Jane, To the general eye it is plain. That Rosalie May Grows larger each day; Her dress must be lengthened again.

"Each time it is washed, goodness knows, How many more inches she grows. 'Twas ever that way With Rosalie May, That dress, when 'twas new, reached her toes."

"You may not believe, but 'tis true—Each washing would prove it to you—If Rosalie May Keeps growing each day, Not one of her dresses will do."

SONG OF A PAIR OF SHOES.



Twenty little beds in rows of ten, Twenty little roly poly men, Little black men go to bed by day—I must put them in and make them stay.

Naughty little black man, Go to bed I say! Dearly me, there you see—Now he's run away! On the floor, by the door, See him try to hide, All the other black men Sleeping side by side.

Twenty little beds in rows of ten, Only nineteen roly poly men, I've a little bed to spare today, Naughty little man to run away!

Naughty little black man Left an empty space! Never mind, he will find Some one takes his place. Nurse has got quite a lot Like the ones I lose—Little roly black man, Buttons on my shoes.

OLD BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Writing Was Covered With Sheet of Horn to Protect Lettering From Dirty Fingers.

The earliest English book for children was "The Babes' Book, or a Lyttl Report of How Young People Should Behave." The horn books existed in Elizabeth's reign. The writing was covered with a sheet of horn in order to protect the lettering from contact with dirty fingers.

The chap book contained most of the familiar nursery rhymes and stories which have appertained to nursery lore for generations. They exhibit very crude woodcuts, often daubed with inappropriate color, and the commonest paper as a rule was used. They were hawked about by the chapmen or pedler and cost only a few pence apiece.

They served to perpetuate such familiar ditties as "Sing a Song of Sixpence," which dates from the sixteenth century; "Three Blind Mice," in use, with music, in 1609; "The Frog and the Mouse," in existence in 1580; and "Girls and Boys Come Out to Play," which was sung by the villagers in the time of Charles II.; "Little Jack Horner," we know, is older than the seventeenth century; and last but not least, "Lucy Locket," the tune from which originated "Yankee Doodle."

A few of what were called "battledore books" have been handed down to us. They were three leaved cards which were folded up into oblong pocked shaped pieces. These taught reading and numerals in the dame schools in town and country. The little gilt books, as they were called, adorned on the outside with gilt Dutch paper colored flowers, were much prized gift books of that period.

According to the Queen, children were employed coloring such picture books by hand, one child doing all the red in the series of illustrations, another all the blue, and so on. Of course they gained precision by repetition, but we very often find the tints overlapping, as if carried out by an inexperienced hand.

WORKING TWENTY-ONE RULE

Young Man Thought He Could Do as He Pleased, but Found Out Father Could, Too.

Old Jacob Weatherly is a man of extreme regularity, and on the principle that "Early to bed," etc., is the best guiding rule for a household, he insists that everyone under his roof and authority shall retire at 9:30. As may be readily understood, this rule sometimes proved irksome to the younger members of the family, especially Charles.

Recently, however, Charles reached man's estate, and on his birthday Jacob gave him a blessing.

"I have no longer any authority over you," he said; "now that you are 21 you must act as pleases you best."

On the following Saturday evening, therefore, Charles returned home at 11:15 p. m., and rapped at the door.

"Who's that?" said Jacob from the window.

"Charles," replied his son.

"But why do you come home at this hour? Don't you know we lock up at 9:30?"

"Yes," remonstrated the youth; "but I'm gone 21 now, and can do as I please."

"Quite so," said the old man; "but so can I."

And the window went down with a bang, and Charles was left to face the stark fact that 21 worked two ways.

A Princess' Prank.

Queen Maud of Norway has always been the humorist of the royal family. When younger she was very fond of a practical joke. One of her efforts in this direction took place at a cattle show in the immediate neighborhood of Sandringham. Accompanied by the prince of Wales and other members of her family, Princess Maud, as she then was, went toward a pen where a large crowd had collected around one of the king's prize bulls. Suddenly intense commotion took place, for the animal commenced to plunge and something like a stampede took place among the onlookers. It transpired subsequently that the princess had been prodding the animal with her parasol.

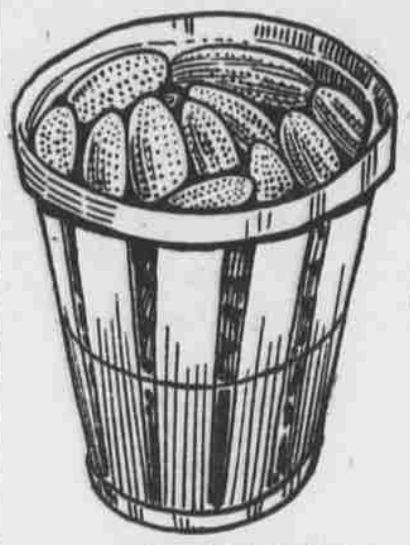
FARM AND BEE

MARKETING OF FARM STUFF

Quality and Uniformity of Produce and Attractiveness of Package Secret of Success.

Purchasers soon learn where the best vegetables come from and are quick to demand the produce of farmers they can rely upon.

Growers should become familiar with the conditions and preferences



Cucumbers Well Packed.

of the market on which they expect to place their produce. The marketing of all kinds of farm stuff is one of the most important if not the most important part of the business.

If one is unable to visit the big markets one should write to commission merchants and ask for all the information possible regarding what is wanted in the way of selection and packing of fruit and vegetables. Commission dealers would rather handle good, salable stuff than poorly packed and unsightly produce, and are always ready to help growers to present their products in the most attractive manner.

It is also a good plan for amateur growers, who have not shipped to the general markets, to first visit the farms of successful growers and learn



Nicely Packed Cabbages.

by observation how produce should be picked, graded, and packed in order to bring the best prices.

Uniformity is the chief requirement to be considered and vegetables should always be sent to market uniform in condition, quality and general appearance.

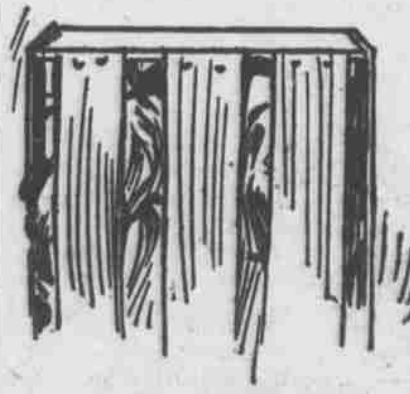
Markets are seldom over-stocked with good fruit and vegetables, but it is the poorly developed, unevenly ripened and badly selected products that injure the sale of the better articles.

Produce of all kinds should be sorted so that in each package the specimens are as nearly alike as possible. The efficient grader has in mind the appearance of the whole package and not the individual specimen.

Many growers make the mistake of allowing their vegetables to become too ripe before picking, and as a result the produce, which looks fresh enough in the garden, reaches the market overripe and often decayed.

Overripe vegetables should always be sold in a market which can be reached within a very short time after leaving the farm and very ripe vegetables should be consumed at home or canned.

All vegetables should be thoroughly cool and dry before being packed. Heat and moisture promote decay and



A Good Cabbage Crate.

this of course means loss. This is of the greatest importance and must not be neglected if the grower would get the best prices for his produce.

Charms of Bee Keeping.

The inducements for keeping bees are numerous. It is a rare nature study and is especially recommended to teachers, clerks and business men, where their hours are not too long, but confining, and an hour spent with bees will be found restful.

The energetic apiarist will usually harvest 50 pounds or more of honey annually, besides an extra colony. This honey sold at the low price of 15 cents per pound, and 30 lbs. use extra colony, amounts to \$12.50 on an investment of \$8 or \$10 in the spring. The careless man will fail in bee keeping, as in everything else.

SECRETS OF THE BEE-HIVE

Since introduction of Modern Appliances No Reason for Much Honey Going to Waste.

(By DR. G. BONNER.) Until with the last 50 years the secrets of the bee-hive were but little understood and the inspection of the condition of the bees, which is so important at all times, was either impossible or considered unnecessary. Since the invention and introduction of removable comb hives, which enables the beekeeper to handle and inspect every comb, there does not seem to be any valid reason why bees should not be used to collect and store millions of pounds of honey which are now annually going to waste in the nest through their absence. It is true that bees will sting sometimes, but their sting is insignificant as compared with the good they do and we should remember that we are liable to injury in almost any branch of industry. Probably not one person in 1,000 is in any danger from bee stings and the results are rarely serious. The beekeepers should unite in developing what is undoubtedly a very profitable industry, though one which is unknown to many and which has never been thoroughly tested for its value by our people.

NEWSPAPERS TO BAR RABBITS

Young Trees Saved From Depredations of Destructive Little Animals by Paper.

(By A. J. LEGG.) A few years ago I set out some young apple trees and before I knew it the rabbits had peeled several of them so badly that they died. I went into the field with a gun and could see five or six rabbits at a time disappearing at the far side of the field. It was useless to undertake to defend the trees with a gun, so I procured some old newspapers and a ball of twine. I wrapped the trees with the paper as far up the bodies of the trees as rabbits could reach and tied them securely with twine. The paper stayed on the trees all right for the remainder of the winter and the trees were not damaged any more by rabbits. This plan worked well for small trees, but I do not know that it would do so well for large ones. I wrapped the paper pretty well with the twine from the bottom to the top.

Alfalfa Money.

Alfalfa honey is white and clear, in an extremely delicate comb, has a delicious flavor and a most delightful aroma. A report from one of the alfalfa districts of the west tells of a single hive that contained nearly 200 pounds and of another having 96 pounds. The owner of these bees had 25 acres of alfalfa, while the average yield in the east is said to vary from 15 to 30 pounds, a much larger amount is gathered in the alfalfa territories. Thus the financial returns of alfalfa may be greatly increased and in some instances doubled by having two colonies of bees for each acre. Or if only a part of the alfalfa raisers in a neighborhood keep bees this ratio could be doubled or trebled by those who do. Unlike other trespassers on neighbors' fields, the bees do a distinct favor by fertilizing the alfalfa.

FARM NOTES

A garden hoe-plow will prevent backache and do three times as much work as the common hoe.

In saving potatoes for seed keep only those that are perfect in form. Take none from poor hills.

A Kentucky correspondent says peas peas planted in the hills with sweet corn helps the latter's growth.

The native wild grasses that clothe the prairies of the northwest make as valuable hay as any true grasses known.

Much valuable nature is lost in poorly arranged stables, where it is impossible to save or recover the liquids.

Almost any one can make a bee hive but the best ones are factory made and may be had from any reliable supply house.

Keep up the warfare on weeds in the corn fields these hot days when soil moisture needs to be conserved to its utmost limit.

The depth of a tile drain should be between three and four feet, depending upon the character of the soil and the land to be drained.

Fruit culture cannot be carried on successfully without bees to effect fertilization through carrying pollen from one blossom to another.

Experiments have been carried on on a considerable scale in treating dandelions with chemicals, but as yet the results are not satisfactory.

The farmer who remembers the past winter and how he longed for sludge to help out the high priced feed will be a silo builder this year.

The bee's business and strikes every one forcibly. No product now wasted can be more easily saved than nectar which bees work up into honey.

Bermuda is the best summer pasture grass in this country because it is a hot-weather grass and keeps green when Kentucky blue grass and other grasses are parched.

All beekeepers know that the bees of a queenless colony are quite liable to be irritated when handled, and are greatly inclined to follow the operator about the apiary and annoy him.

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THEN THEY FIRED HIM.



Customer (in book store)—Have you a Chaucer? New Clerk—Never chewed in my life, sir.

While in Soak. Howell—I see that the paper says that the treasury department announces that by washing paper money it will last twice as long. Powell—Yes, but what is a poor devil to do while his money is at the laundry?

English as She Is Spoke. Chinatown Visitor—John, sabee, see screen—how much sabee want for him? The Chinaman—What's the matter with you? Can't you speak English?—Judge.

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